

ASIA MERCURY STORAGE PROJECT INCEPTION WORKSHOP

4-5 MARCH 2009 - BANGKOK, THAILAND

GROUPINGS

based on similar geography, culture, and/or political structure, but possibly wide economic diversity

North Asia region

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- China
 - Democratic People's Republic of Korea
 - Japan
 - Lao's People's Democratic Republic
 - Mongolia
 - Myanmar
 - Republic of Korea

Southeast Asia region

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- Brunei Darussalam
 - Cambodia
 - Indonesia
 - Malaysia
 - Papua New Guinea
 - Philippines
 - Singapore
 - Thailand
 - Vietnam

South Asia region

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- Afghanistan
 - Bangladesh
 - Bhutan
 - India
 - Maldives
 - Nepal
 - Pakistan
 - Sri Lanka

Questions to Guide the Discussion:

Based on the previous presentations and discussions, workshop subgroups should nominate a discussion leader and rapporteur¹, and address the following questions:

1. Do you have a national mercury reduction action plan in place? If yes, do you have the relevant policies/regulation in place? What are your current activities (examples include inventory, awareness raising activities, recycling, waste management, etc) ?
2. Is your country a net exporter of mercury at the present time? Do you know which countries receive this mercury and for what purpose this mercury is used ? Are the uses likely to contribute to the global mercury pollution problem ?
3. Can your country effectively make use of the mercury storage "tool" to encourage further reduction in either domestic or global mercury demand ?
4. Without making any commitment now, can you say whether your country officials would be open to the idea of storing excess mercury ?
5. What are the main technical (or other) aspects of mercury storage necessary to ensure public health and safety? To ensure environmental responsibility ?
6. What (other) social considerations need to be considered with regard to mercury storage ?
7. What financial options could be available to deal with storage costs ?
8. What political considerations need to be considered with regard to mercury storage ?
9. What legal and regulatory issues will need to be addressed in order to implement mercury storage facilities ?
10. What could be possible barriers to the successful implementation of mercury storage facilities ?

¹ The rapporteur shall record the discussion proceedings to be reported back to plenary by himself or by the discussion leader